

(b)(6) **CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)**

**From:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Friday, November 2, 2018 4:38 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] Heat Center/ Benning visit (UNCLASSIFIED)

(b)(6)

(b)(5)

v/r

(b)(6)  
 Public Affairs Specialist  
 Martin Army Community Hospital  
 Fort Benning, Ga. 31905  
 (b)(6) Office

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM RHC-A (US)  
**Sent:** Friday, November 2, 2018 1:49 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV  
 USARMY HQDA OTSG (US) <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] Heat Center/ Benning visit (UNCLASSIFIED)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

(b)(5)

V/r

(b)(6)  
 O: (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Friday, November 2, 2018 1:39 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM RHC-A (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV  
 USARMY HQDA OTSG (US) <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV  
 USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>

Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Heat Center/ Benning visit (UNCLASSIFIED)

Good afternoon -

Mr. Hasemyer was notified on 6 October by Major (b)(6) with her email below we were not going to support an on-site visit.

(b)(5)

Thanks,

(b)(6)

Vr -

(b)(6)

Chief, Public Affairs

USAMEDDAC/Martin Army Community Hospital

6600 VanAalst Blvd, Upatoi Room BB104

Fort Benning, GA 31905

Office: (b)(6)

BB: (b)(6)

Facebook: <http://tinyurl.com/m9dzj32>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/MartinArmyCmyHospital@FtBenningGA@ArmyCmty>

Website: <http://martin.amedd.army.mil/>

Life is #BetteratBenning

Healthcare is#betteratbenning. #ChooseTricarePrime!

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)

Sent: Saturday, October 6, 2018 10:06 PM

To: (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) (b)(6)

Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Heat Center/ Benning visit (UNCLASSIFIED)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

No problem, already taken care of. Email and response below.

MAJ (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: David Hasemyer [mailto:(b)(6)]  
 Sent: Thursday, October 4, 2018 8:37 PM  
 To: (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>  
 Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Heat Center/ Benning visit (UNCLASSIFIED)

All active links contained in this email were disabled. Please verify the identity of the sender, and confirm the authenticity of all links contained within the message prior to copying and pasting the address to a Web browser.

Dr. (b)(6)

No. Neither the base PAO or the hospital PAO has been in contact. I am disappointed in the decision because what's happening at your Heat Center goes along way to explaining what the Army and DoD are doing to address heat illness and to establish a comprehensive and sustained strategy to address heat.

I appreciate your help in trying to make this happen.

I suspect that I'll be asking for a follow-up telephone interview in the next few weeks as I finalize the story and need clarification on some points we talked about as well as having a few new questions.

Again thank you for your help; and for trying to facilitate a visit.

On Thu, Oct 4, 2018 at 3:39 PM (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>  
 Caution-mailto:(b)(6) > wrote:

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

Hello Mr. Hasemyer,

I'm not sure if our PAO office has reached out to you directly, but both BMACH and MCoE leadership have decided not to authorize the site visit at this time. Dr. (b)(6) and I are disappointed. We appreciate your interest in our initiative and perhaps we can arrange something in the spring when we're gearing up for the next heat season. Apologies for being the bearer of bad news, but I wanted to ensure you weren't wasting time and resources on planning. Thank you again for your interest!

V/R,

(b)(6)  
 MAJ, MC, USA  
 Assistant Chief, DEM  
 Martin Army Community Hospital  
 Ft. Benning, GA 31905  
 (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: David Hasemyer [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)] <Caution-mailto:(b)(6)>  
 Sent: Friday, September 14, 2018 10:31 AM  
 To: (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) (b)(6) <Caution-mailto:(b)(6)>  
 Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Heat Center/ Benning visit

All active links contained in this email were disabled. Please verify the identity of the sender, and confirm the authenticity of all links contained within the message prior to copying and pasting the address to a Web browser.

---

Dr. (b)(6):

Thankyou again for your offer of an in-person visit. We, myself and the InsideClimate News video journalist, would like tomake a hospital and base visit Oct. 24, 25 and 26.

Alongwith talking with you and Maj. (b)(6) we'd like to see the section of thehospital/ER/Heat Center where heat illnesses are treated. It also will be important to us to talk withsome soldiers who have been treated for a heat illness; and perhaps even asoldier who was forced to leave the military because of the effects of a heatillness.

I'malso hoping you can facilitate interviews and observations of base operationswhere heat mitigation is an element of the preparation for training. I'm thinking that would include the baseweather center, any classes where soldiers are instructed on heat mitigation;observing any meetings where heat is a part of the risk assessment equation.

We'dalso like to be in the field to observe some of the training, includingexercises where soldiers are in full gear, and some of the safety measures thatare employed to protect against heat illness.

Andjust to follow-up on a couple of other earlier request, it remains important toget as many details as possible about the 2016 "preventable death of a youngofficer" referenced in your white paperas the genesis of the Heat Center. Itwould be appreciated if you could tell me more about that case; thecircumstances surrounding the death, how it was preventable. And what would bedifferent today both in terms of treating the officer and mitigating thethreat.



Thankyou again for your help. This gives us the in-sight necessary to explain inreal, human terms the threat heat poses to individual soldiers as wells as tomilitary preparedness.

I'llbe away on vacation next week, but will check in with you upon my return.

Sincerely,

--

Dave Hasemyer

Reporter

InsideClimate News < Caution-Caution-<http://www.insideclimatenews.org/> < Caution-  
<http://www.insideclimatenews.org/> > >

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting  
 CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

--

Dave Hasemyer

Reporter

InsideClimate News < Caution-<http://www.insideclimatenews.org/> >

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting  
 CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
 CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

(b)(6) **CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)**

**From:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM RHC-A (US)  
**Sent:** Friday, November 2, 2018 1:49 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) CIV  
 USARMY HQDA OTSG (US)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] Heat Center/ Benning visit (UNCLASSIFIED)  
**Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

(b)(5)

V/r

(b)(6)

O: (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Friday, November 2, 2018 1:39 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM RHC-A (US); (b)(6); (b)(6) CIV  
 USARMY HQDA OTSG (US); (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6); (b)(6) CIV  
 USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: [Non-DoD Source] Heat Center/ Benning visit (UNCLASSIFIED)

Good afternoon -

Mr. Hasemyer was notified on 6 October by Major (b)(6) with her email below we were not going to support an on-site visit.

(b)(5)

Thanks,

(b)(6)

I appreciate your help in trying to make this happen.

I suspect that I'll be asking for a follow-up telephone interview in the next few weeks as I finalize the story and need clarification on some points we talked about as well as having a few new questions.

Again thank you for your help; and for trying to facilitate a visit.

On Thu, Oct 4, 2018 at 3:39 PM (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>  
Caution-mailto:(b)(6)> wrote:

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

Hello Mr. Hasemyer,

I'm not sure if our PAO office has reached out to you directly, but both BMACH and MCoE leadership have decided not to authorize the site visit at this time. Dr. (b)(6) and I are disappointed. We appreciate your interest in our initiative and perhaps we can arrange something in the spring when we're gearing up for the next heat season. Apologies for being the bearer of bad news, but I wanted to ensure you weren't wasting time and resources on planning. Thank you again for your interest!

V/R,

(b)(6)  
MAJ, MC, USA  
Assistant Chief, DEM  
Martin Army Community Hospital  
Ft. Benning, GA 31905  
(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: David Hasemyer [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)>] <Caution-mailto:(b)(6)>  
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2018 10:31 AM  
To: (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)> <Caution-mailto:(b)(6)>  
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Heat Center/ Benning visit

All active links contained in this email were disabled. Please verify the identity of the sender, and confirm the authenticity of all links contained within the message prior to copying and pasting the address to a Web browser.

Vr -

(b)(6)

Chief, Public Affairs

USAMEDDAC/Martin Army Community Hospital

6600 VanAalst Blvd, Upatoi Room BB104

Fort Benning, GA 31905

Office: (b)(6)

BB: (b)(6)

Facebook: <http://tinyurl.com/m9dzj32>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/MartinArmyCmyHospital@FtBenningGA@ArmyCmty>

Website: <http://martin.amedd.army.mil/>

Life is #BetteratBenning

Healthcare is#betteratbenning. #ChooseTricarePrime!

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)

Sent: Saturday, October 6, 2018 10:06 PM

To: (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) (b)(6)

Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Heat Center/ Benning visit (UNCLASSIFIED)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

No problem, already taken care of. Email and response below.

MAJ (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: David Hasemyer [mailto:(b)(6)]

Sent: Thursday, October 4, 2018 8:37 PM

To: (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) (b)(6)

Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Heat Center/ Benning visit (UNCLASSIFIED)

All active links contained in this email were disabled. Please verify the identity of the sender, and confirm the authenticity of all links contained within the message prior to copying and pasting the address to a Web browser.

---

Dr. (b)(6)

No. Neither the base PAO or the hospital PAO has been in contact. I am disappointed in the decision because what's happening at your Heat Center goes along way to explaining what the Army and DoD are doing to address heat illness and to establish a comprehensive and sustained strategy to address heat.



Dr (b)(6)

Thankyou again for your offer of an in-person visit. We, myself and the InsideClimate News video journalist, would like to make a hospital and base visit Oct. 24, 25 and 26.

Along with talking with you and Maj. (b)(6), we'd like to see the section of the hospital/ER/Heat Center where heat illnesses are treated. It also will be important to us to talk with some soldiers who have been treated for a heat illness; and perhaps even a soldier who was forced to leave the military because of the effects of a heat illness.

I'm also hoping you can facilitate interviews and observations of base operations where heat mitigation is an element of the preparation for training. I'm thinking that would include the base weather center, any classes where soldiers are instructed on heat mitigation; observing any meetings where heat is a part of the risk assessment equation.

We'd also like to be in the field to observe some of the training, including exercises where soldiers are in full gear, and some of the safety measures that are employed to protect against heat illness.

And just to follow-up on a couple of other earlier requests, it remains important to get as many details as possible about the 2016 "preventable death of a young officer" referenced in your white paper as the genesis of the Heat Center. It would be appreciated if you could tell me more about that case; the circumstances surrounding the death, how it was preventable. And what would be different today both in terms of treating the officer and mitigating the threat.

Thankyou again for your help. This gives us the in-sight necessary to explain in real, human terms the threat heat poses to individual soldiers as well as to military preparedness.

I'll be away on vacation next week, but will check in with you upon my return.

Sincerely,

--

Dave Hasemyer

Reporter

InsideClimate News < Caution-<http://www.insideclimatenews.org/> < Caution-  
<http://www.insideclimatenews.org/> > >

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting  
CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

--

Dave Hasemyer

Reporter

InsideClimate News < Caution-<http://www.insideclimatenews.org/> >

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting  
CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

(b)(6) **CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)**

---

**From:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Friday, November 2, 2018 1:39 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM RHC-A (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA OTSG (US)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Subject:** FW: [Non-DoD Source] Heat Center/ Benning visit (UNCLASSIFIED)  
**Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED

Good afternoon -

Mr. Hasemyer was notified on 6 October by Major (b)(6) with her email below we were not going to support an on-site visit.

(b)(5)

Thanks,

(b)(6)

Vr -

(b)(6)

Chief, Public Affairs  
 USAMEDDAC/Martin Army Community Hospital  
 6600 VanAalst Blvd, Upatoi Room BB104  
 Fort Benning, GA 31905  
 Office: (b)(6)  
 BB: (b)(6)  
 Facebook: <http://tinyurl.com/m9dzj32>  
 Twitter: <https://twitter.com/MartinArmyCmyHospital@FtBenningGA@ArmyCmty>  
 Website: <http://martin.amedd.army.mil/>

Life is #BetteratBenning  
 Healthcare is#betteratbenning. #ChooseTricarePrime!

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
 Sent: Saturday, October 6, 2018 10:06 PM  
 To: (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) (b)(6)  
 Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Heat Center/ Benning visit (UNCLASSIFIED)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

No problem, already taken care of. Email and response below.

MAJ (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: David Hasemyer [mailto:(b)(6)]  
 Sent: Thursday, October 4, 2018 8:37 PM  
 To: (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) (b)(6)  
 Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Heat Center/ Benning visit (UNCLASSIFIED)

All active links contained in this email were disabled. Please verify the identity of the sender, and confirm the authenticity of all links contained within the message prior to copying and pasting the address to a Web browser.

---

Dr. (b)(6)

No. Neither the base PAO or the hospital PAO has been in contact. I am disappointed in the decision because what's happening at your Heat Center goes along way to explaining what the Army and DoD are doing to address heat illness and to establish a comprehensive and sustained strategy to address heat.

I appreciate your help in trying to make this happen.

I suspect that I'll be asking for a follow-up telephone interview in the next few weeks as I finalize the story and need clarification on some points we talked about as well as having a few new questions.

Again thank you for your help; and for trying to facilitate a visit.

On Thu, Oct 4, 2018 at 3:39 PM (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) (b)(6) <(b)(6)>  
 Caution-mailto:(b)(6)> wrote:

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

Hello Mr. Hasemyer,

I'm not sure if our PAO office has reached out to you directly, but both BMACH and MCoE leadership have decided not to authorize the site visit at this time. Dr. (b)(6) and I are disappointed. We appreciate your interest in our



initiative and perhaps we can arrange something in the spring when we're gearing up for the next heat season. Apologies for being the bearer of bad news, but I wanted to ensure you weren't wasting time and resources on planning. Thank you again for your interest!

V/R,

(b)(6)

MAJ, MC, USA

Assistant Chief, DEM

Martin Army Community Hospital

Ft. Benning, GA 31905

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: David Hasemyer [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)] <Caution-mailto:(b)(6)>  
 Sent: Friday, September 14, 2018 10:31 AM  
 To: (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)> <Caution-mailto:(b)(6)>  
 Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Heat Center/ Benning visit

All active links contained in this email were disabled. Please verify the identity of the sender, and confirm the authenticity of all links contained within the message prior to copying and pasting the address to a Web browser.

---

Dr. (b)(6)

Thankyou again for your offer of an in-person visit. We, myself and the InsideClimate News video journalist, would like to make a hospital and base visit Oct. 24, 25 and 26.

Alongwith talking with you and Maj. (b)(6) we'd like to see the section of the hospital/ER/Heat Center where heat illnesses are treated. It also will be important to us to talk with some soldiers who have been treated for a heat illness; and perhaps even a soldier who was forced to leave the military because of the effects of a heat illness.

I'm also hoping you can facilitate interviews and observations of base operations where heat mitigation is an element of the preparation for training. I'm thinking that would include the base weather center, any classes where soldiers are instructed on heat mitigation; observing any meetings where heat is a part of the risk assessment equation.

We'd also like to be in the field to observe some of the training, including exercises where soldiers are in full gear, and some of the safety measures that are employed to protect against heat illness.

And just to follow-up on a couple of other earlier request, it remains important to get as many details as possible about the 2016 "preventable death of a young officer" referenced in your white paper as the genesis of the Heat Center. It would be appreciated if you could tell me more about that case; the circumstances surrounding the death, how it was preventable. And what would be different today both in terms of treating the officer and mitigating the threat.

Thank you again for your help. This gives us the in-sight necessary to explain in real, human terms the threat heat poses to individual soldiers as well as to military preparedness.

I'll be away on vacation next week, but will check in with you upon my return.

Sincerely,

--

Dave Hasemyer

Reporter

InsideClimate News < Caution-<http://www.insideclimatenews.org/> < Caution-  
<http://www.insideclimatenews.org/> > >

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

---

Dave Hasemyer

Reporter

InsideClimate News < Caution-<http://www.insideclimatenews.org/> >

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

(b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)

**From:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 26, 2018 11:51 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Subject:** Interview request

FYSA

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA OTSG (US)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 25, 2018 3:04 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] Interview request

Thank you. Yes, I do see in the email thread below that he is aware of the interview being turned off. (b)(5)

(b)(5)

Respectfully,

(b)(6)  
 Public Affairs Specialist  
 Office of the Surgeon General  
 US Army Medical Command

(b)(6)

BB: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Have a fine Army Day Hooah

Are you socializing with us?

Follow: @LTGWest

Follow: @CSMMedcom

Follow: @ArmyMedicine

Like Us: <https://www.facebook.com/OfficialArmyMedicine/>

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 25, 2018 2:44 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA OTSG (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV  
 USARMY MEDCOM RHC-A (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM  
 NRMC (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY (US)  
 <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA OTSG (US) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] Interview request

We are not entertaining Mr. Hasemyer's request. We turned off his visit... (b)(5)  
 please see previous email traffic..

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA OTSG (US)  
 Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2018 2:43 PM  
 To: (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV  
 USARMY MEDCOM RHC-A (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM  
 NRMHC (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY (US)  
 <(b)(6)>  
 Cc: (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA OTSG (US) <(b)(6)>  
 Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Interview request

(b)(6) and team....please see below...this man is seeking an interview with a Dr. at Ft. Benning.

Respectfully,

(b)(6)  
 Public Affairs Specialist  
 Office of the Surgeon General  
 US Army Medical Command

(b)(6)

BB: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Have a fine Army Day Hooah

Are you socializing with us?

Follow: @LTGWest

Follow: @CSMMedcom

Follow: @ArmyMedicine

Like Us: <https://www.facebook.com/OfficialArmyMedicine/>

-----Original Message-----

From: David Hasemyer [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)] <Caution-  
 mailto:(b)(6)>]  
 Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2018 11:32 AM  
 To: (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA OTSG (US) <(b)(6)> <Caution-  
 mailto:(b)(6)> >  
 Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Interview request

All active links contained in this email were disabled. Please verify the identity of the sender, and confirm the authenticity of all links contained within the message prior to copying and pasting the address to a Web browser.

---

Good morning (b)(6)



I'm checking on the status of our request for the quick Fort Benning Heat Center interview.

Thanks

On Wed, Oct 17, 2018 at 1:11 PM (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA OTSG (US)  
<(b)(6)> <Caution-mailto:(b)(6)> <Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6)> <Caution-mailto:(b)(6)> > > wrote:

David,

Let me look into this and get back with you tomorrow.

Respectfully,

(b)(6)

Media Relations Officer

Office of the Surgeon General, U. S. Army

(b)(6) <Caution-mailto:(b)(6)> <Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6)> <Caution-mailto:(b)(6)> <Caution-mailto:(b)(6)> >  
Office: (b)(6)

"Do Not Ever Waste Your Days Not Doing What You Dream to Do"

@LTGWest

@CSMMEDCOM

@ArmyMedicine

Caution-Caution-Www.ArmyMedicine.mil <Caution-http://Caution-Caution-Www.ArmyMedicine.mil> <Caution-Caution-http://Www.ArmyMedicine.mil> <Caution-http://Www.ArmyMedicine.mil> >

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: David Hasemyer

Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 3:59 PM

To: (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA OTSG (US)

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Interview request

All active links contained in this email were disabled. Please verify the identity of the sender, and confirm the authenticity of all links contained within the message prior to copying and pasting the address to a Web browser.

(b)(6)

ArmyMedical Command

Office of Surgeon General

< Caution-Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6) > Caution-  
mailto:(b)(6) > < Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6) > Caution-  
mailto:(b)(6) > >

(b)(6) < Caution-mailto:(b)(6) > < Caution-  
Caution-mailto:(b)(6) < Caution-mailto:(b)(6) > < Caution-  
Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6) < Caution-mailto:(b)(6) > <  
Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6) < Caution-mailto:(b)(6) > >

(b)(6)

This is Dave Hasemyer < Caution-Caution-Caution-https://insideclimatenews.org/author/david-hasemyer <  
Caution-https://insideclimatenews.org/author/david-hasemyer > < Caution-Caution-  
https://insideclimatenews.org/author/david-hasemyer < Caution-https://insideclimatenews.org/author/david-hasemyer  
> > > at InsideClimateNews < Caution-Caution-Caution-https://insideclimatenews.org/author/david-hasemyer <  
Caution-https://insideclimatenews.org/author/david-hasemyer > < Caution-Caution-  
https://insideclimatenews.org/author/david-hasemyer < Caution-https://insideclimatenews.org/author/david-hasemyer  
> > > . I am seeking your help in arranging an on-camera interview with Maj. (b)(6) at Fort Benning's Martin  
Army Community Hospital.

The interview is for a story I'm preparing along with video journalist Anna Belle Peevey < Caution-Caution-  
Caution-https://insideclimatenews.org/author/anna-belle-peevey < Caution-  
https://insideclimatenews.org/author/anna-belle-peevey > < Caution-Caution-  
https://insideclimatenews.org/author/anna-belle-peevey < Caution-https://insideclimatenews.org/author/anna-belle-  
peevey > > > on how the military is addressing the issue of heat-related illnesses.

I first became aware of Maj. (doctor) (b)(6) through this Army news story: Fort Benning team determined to  
end heat-related deaths across DoD. < Caution-Caution-Caution-  
https://www.army.mil/article/202458/fort\_benning\_team\_determined\_to\_end\_heat\_related\_deaths\_across\_dod <  
Caution-  
https://www.army.mil/article/202458/fort\_benning\_team\_determined\_to\_end\_heat\_related\_deaths\_across\_dod > <  
Caution-Caution-  
https://www.army.mil/article/202458/fort\_benning\_team\_determined\_to\_end\_heat\_related\_deaths\_across\_dod <  
Caution-  
https://www.army.mil/article/202458/fort\_benning\_team\_determined\_to\_end\_heat\_related\_deaths\_across\_dod > >  
>

And again through a later, related Army News story: Army researchers partner with Fort Benning to study  
heat illness in 2,000 Soldiers. < Caution-Caution-Caution-  
https://www.army.mil/article/209899/army\_researchers\_partner\_with\_fort\_benning\_to\_study\_heat\_illness\_in\_2000\_s  
oldiers < Caution-

[https://www.army.mil/article/209899/army\\_researchers\\_partner\\_with\\_fort\\_benning\\_to\\_study\\_heat\\_illness\\_in\\_2000\\_soldiers](https://www.army.mil/article/209899/army_researchers_partner_with_fort_benning_to_study_heat_illness_in_2000_soldiers) > < Caution-Caution-  
[https://www.army.mil/article/209899/army\\_researchers\\_partner\\_with\\_fort\\_benning\\_to\\_study\\_heat\\_illness\\_in\\_2000\\_soldiers](https://www.army.mil/article/209899/army_researchers_partner_with_fort_benning_to_study_heat_illness_in_2000_soldiers) < Caution-  
[https://www.army.mil/article/209899/army\\_researchers\\_partner\\_with\\_fort\\_benning\\_to\\_study\\_heat\\_illness\\_in\\_2000\\_soldiers](https://www.army.mil/article/209899/army_researchers_partner_with_fort_benning_to_study_heat_illness_in_2000_soldiers) > > >

The hospital PIO, (b)(6) has been non-responsive to my multiple requests over a period of months. It was only after I made direct contact with Maj. (b)(6) that she facilitated a later telephone interview. The major later said our request for an on-camera interview had been turned down. I never heard from Mr. (b)(6) on this matter. (I would be happy to discuss with you in a phone call the long history of failed attempts to work through Mr. (b)(6))

The work being done at the heat center plays a critical role in our story in terms of explaining what the Army is doing to address heat illness and to establish a comprehensive and sustained strategy to address heat.

While the telephone interview with Maj. (b)(6) provided important insight that I'll be including in my article, we simply want to convey in the most diverse and powerful way – through video and the written word – the work that is taking place at Martin Army Community Hospital in regards to preventing heat-illnesses. An on-camera interview with Maj. (b)(6) would help highlight BMACH's critical mission.

We have scaled back our initial request to simply an interview with Dr. (b)(6) and her co-worker Maj. (b)(6) if he's available; and are ready to work through any logistical matters. The interview will be conducted by Anna Belle and will only need two hours and no more than three.

While Dr. (b)(6) has suggested making the request again next year, our story and video will be published this year. We are frankly on a deadline at this point and need to complete the interview within the next three weeks.

Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to facilitate an interview with Maj. (b)(6)

My number is (b)(6)

Dave Hasemyer

Reporter

InsideClimate News < Caution-Caution-Caution-<http://www.insideclimatenews.org/> < Caution-  
<http://www.insideclimatenews.org/> > < Caution-Caution-<http://www.insideclimatenews.org/> < Caution-  
<http://www.insideclimatenews.org/> > > >

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting

--

Dave Hasemyer

Reporter

InsideClimate News < Caution-Caution-<http://www.insideclimatenews.org/> < Caution-  
<http://www.insideclimatenews.org/> > >

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting

--

Dave Hasemyer

Reporter

InsideClimate News < Caution-<http://www.insideclimatenews.org/> >

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting



(b)(6) **CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)**

**From:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 26, 2018 11:41 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA OTSG (US)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) CIV  
 USARMY MCOE (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US); (b)(6) CIV  
 USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Subject:** Interview request

(b)(5)

Vr (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Chief, Public Affairs

USAMEDDAC/Martin Army Community Hospital

6600 VanAalst Blvd, Upatoi Room BB104

Fort Benning, GA 31905

Office: (b)(6)

BB: (b)(6)

Facebook: <http://tinyurl.com/m9dzj32>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/MartinArmyCmyHospital@FtBenningGA@ArmyCmty>

Website: <http://martin.amedd.army.mil/>

Life is #BetteratBenning

Healthcare is#betteratbenning. #ChooseTricarePrime!

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA OTSG (US)

Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2018 3:04 PM

To: (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) (b)(6)

Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Interview request

Thank you. Yes, I do see in the email thread below that he is aware of the interview being turned off. (b)(5)

(b)(5)

Respectfully,

(b)(6)

Public Affairs Specialist

Office of the Surgeon General

US Army Medical Command

(b)(6)

BB: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Have a fine Army Day Hooah

Are you socializing with us?

Follow: @LTGWest

Follow: @CSMMedcom

Follow: @ArmyMedicine

Like Us: <https://www.facebook.com/OfficialArmyMedicine/>

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)

Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2018 2:44 PM

To: (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA OTSG (US) (b)(6); (b)(6) CIV

USARMY MEDCOM RHC-A (US) (b)(6); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM

NRMC (US) (b)(6); (b)(6) CIV USARMY (US)

(b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA OTSG (US) (b)(6)

Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Interview request

We are not entertaining Mr. Hasemyer's request. We turned off his visit... (b)(5)

please see previous email traffic..

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA OTSG (US)

Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2018 2:43 PM

To: (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) (b)(6); (b)(6) CIV

USARMY MEDCOM RHC-A (US) (b)(6); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM

NRMC (US) (b)(6); (b)(6) CIV USARMY (US)  
(b)(6)  
Cc: (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA OTSG (US) (b)(6)  
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Interview request

(b)(6) and team....please see below...this man is seeking an interview with a Dr. at Ft. Benning.

Respectfully,

(b)(6)  
Public Affairs Specialist  
Office of the Surgeon General  
US Army Medical Command

(b)(6)

BB: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Have a fine Army Day Hooah

Are you socializing with us?

Follow: @LTGWest

Follow: @CSMMedcom

Follow: @ArmyMedicine

Like Us: <https://www.facebook.com/OfficialArmyMedicine/>

-----Original Message-----

From: David Hasemyer [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)] <Caution-mailto:(b)(6)>

Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2018 11:32 AM

To: (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA OTSG (US) (b)(6) <Caution-mailto:(b)(6)>

Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Interview request

All active links contained in this email were disabled. Please verify the identity of the sender, and confirm the authenticity of all links contained within the message prior to copying and pasting the address to a Web browser.

Good morning (b)(6)

I'm checking on the status of our request for the quick Fort Benning Heat Center interview.

Thanks

On Wed, Oct 17, 2018 at 1:11 PM (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA OTSG (US)  
<(b)(6)> <Caution-mailto:(b)(6)> <Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6)> <Caution-mailto:(b)(6)> > > wrote:

(b)(6)

Let me look into this and get back with you tomorrow.

Respectfully,

(b)(6)

Media Relations Officer

Office of the Surgeon General, U. S. Army

(b)(6) < Caution-mailto:(b)(6) > < Caution-  
 Caution-mailto:(b)(6) < Caution-mailto:(b)(6) > >  
 Office:(b)(6)

"Do Not Ever Waste Your Days Not Doing What You Dream to Do"

@LTGWest

@CSMMEDCOM

@ArmyMedicine

Caution-Caution-Www.ArmyMedicine.mil < Caution-http://Caution-Caution-Www.ArmyMedicine.mil > <  
 Caution-Caution-http://Www.ArmyMedicine.mil < Caution-http://Www.ArmyMedicine.mil > >

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: David Hasemyer

Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 3:59 PM

To: (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA OTSG (US)

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Interview request

All active links contained in this email were disabled. Please verify the identity of the sender, and confirm the authenticity of all links contained within the message prior to copying and pasting the address to a Web browser.

(b)(6)

ArmyMedical Command

Office of Surgeon General

< Caution-Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6) < Caution-  
 mailto:(b)(6) > < Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6) > < Caution-  
 mailto:(b)(6) > > >

(b)(6) < Caution-mailto:(b)(6) > < Caution-  
 Caution-mailto:(b)(6) < Caution-mailto:(b)(6) > > < Caution-  
 Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6) < Caution-mailto:(b)(6) > <  
 Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6) < Caution-mailto:(b)(6) > > >



(b)(6)

This is Dave Hasemyer < Caution-Caution-Caution-<https://insideclimatenews.org/author/david-hasemyer> < Caution-Caution-  
<https://insideclimatenews.org/author/david-hasemyer> < Caution-<https://insideclimatenews.org/author/david-hasemyer> < Caution-  
 > > > at InsideClimateNews < Caution-Caution-Caution-<https://insideclimatenews.org/author/david-hasemyer> < Caution-Caution-  
<https://insideclimatenews.org/author/david-hasemyer> < Caution-<https://insideclimatenews.org/author/david-hasemyer> < Caution-  
 > > > . I am seeking your help in arranging an on-camera interview with Maj. (b)(6) at Fort Benning's Martin  
 Army Community Hospital.

The interview is for a story I'm preparing along with video journalist Anna Belle Peevey < Caution-Caution-  
 Caution-<https://insideclimatenews.org/author/anna-belle-peevey> < Caution-  
<https://insideclimatenews.org/author/anna-belle-peevey> < Caution-Caution-  
<https://insideclimatenews.org/author/anna-belle-peevey> < Caution-<https://insideclimatenews.org/author/anna-belle-peevey> < Caution-  
 peevey > > > on how the military is addressing the issue of heat-related illnesses.

I first became aware of Maj. (doctor) (b)(6) through this Army news story: Fort Benning team determined to  
 end heat-related deaths across DoD. < Caution-Caution-Caution-  
[https://www.army.mil/article/202458/fort\\_benning\\_team\\_determined\\_to\\_end\\_heat\\_related\\_deaths\\_across\\_dod](https://www.army.mil/article/202458/fort_benning_team_determined_to_end_heat_related_deaths_across_dod) <  
 Caution-  
[https://www.army.mil/article/202458/fort\\_benning\\_team\\_determined\\_to\\_end\\_heat\\_related\\_deaths\\_across\\_dod](https://www.army.mil/article/202458/fort_benning_team_determined_to_end_heat_related_deaths_across_dod) > <  
 Caution-Caution-  
[https://www.army.mil/article/202458/fort\\_benning\\_team\\_determined\\_to\\_end\\_heat\\_related\\_deaths\\_across\\_dod](https://www.army.mil/article/202458/fort_benning_team_determined_to_end_heat_related_deaths_across_dod) <  
 Caution-  
[https://www.army.mil/article/202458/fort\\_benning\\_team\\_determined\\_to\\_end\\_heat\\_related\\_deaths\\_across\\_dod](https://www.army.mil/article/202458/fort_benning_team_determined_to_end_heat_related_deaths_across_dod) > >  
 >

And again through a later, related Army News story: Army researchers partner with Fort Benning to study  
 heat illness in 2,000 Soldiers. < Caution-Caution-Caution-  
[https://www.army.mil/article/209899/army\\_researchers\\_partner\\_with\\_fort\\_benning\\_to\\_study\\_heat\\_illness\\_in\\_2000\\_s](https://www.army.mil/article/209899/army_researchers_partner_with_fort_benning_to_study_heat_illness_in_2000_soldiers)  
 oldiers < Caution-  
[https://www.army.mil/article/209899/army\\_researchers\\_partner\\_with\\_fort\\_benning\\_to\\_study\\_heat\\_illness\\_in\\_2000\\_s](https://www.army.mil/article/209899/army_researchers_partner_with_fort_benning_to_study_heat_illness_in_2000_soldiers)  
 oldiers > < Caution-Caution-  
[https://www.army.mil/article/209899/army\\_researchers\\_partner\\_with\\_fort\\_benning\\_to\\_study\\_heat\\_illness\\_in\\_2000\\_s](https://www.army.mil/article/209899/army_researchers_partner_with_fort_benning_to_study_heat_illness_in_2000_soldiers)  
 oldiers < Caution-  
[https://www.army.mil/article/209899/army\\_researchers\\_partner\\_with\\_fort\\_benning\\_to\\_study\\_heat\\_illness\\_in\\_2000\\_s](https://www.army.mil/article/209899/army_researchers_partner_with_fort_benning_to_study_heat_illness_in_2000_soldiers)  
 oldiers > > >

The hospital PIO, (b)(6) has been non-responsive to my multiple requests over a period of months. It was only after I made direct contact with Maj. (b)(6) that she facilitated a later telephone interview. The major later said our request for an on-camera interview had been turned down. I never heard from (b)(6) on this matter. (I would be happy to discuss with you in a phone call the long history of failed attempts to work through (b)(6))

The work being done at the heat center plays a critical role in our story in terms of explaining what the Army is doing to address heat illness and to establish a comprehensive and sustained strategy to address heat.

While the telephone interview with Maj. (b)(6) provided important insight that I'll be including in my article, we simply want to convey in the most diverse and powerful way -- through video and the written word - the work that is taking place at Martin Army Community Hospital in regards to preventing heat-illnesses. An on-camera interview with Maj. (b)(6) would help highlight BMACH's critical mission.

We have scaled back our initial request to simply an interview with Dr. (b)(6) and her co-worker Maj. (b)(6) if he's available; and are ready to work through any logistical matters. The interview will be conducted by (b)(6) and will only need two hours and no more than three.

While Dr. (b)(6) has suggested making the request again next year, our story and video will be published this year. We are frankly on a deadline at this point and need to complete the interview within the next three weeks.

Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to facilitate an interview with Maj. (b)(6)

My number is (b)(6)

--

Dave Hasemyer

Reporter

InsideClimate News < Caution-Caution-Caution-<http://www.insideclimatenews.org/> < Caution-  
<http://www.insideclimatenews.org/> > < Caution-Caution-<http://www.insideclimatenews.org/> < Caution-  
<http://www.insideclimatenews.org/> > > >

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting

--

Dave Hasemyer

Reporter

InsideClimate News < Caution-<http://www.insideclimatenews.org/> < Caution-  
<http://www.insideclimatenews.org/> > >

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting

--

Dave Hasemyer

Reporter

InsideClimate News < Caution-<http://www.insideclimatenews.org/> >

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting

(b)(6) **CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)**

---

**From:** (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 25, 2018 2:24 PM  
**To:** David Hasemyer  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] A scaled back request (UNCLASSIFIED)  
**Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

Hello sir,

I'd really love to help and I truly appreciate your interest, but these sorts of decisions aren't mine to make. I'm forwarding your request to our BMACH PAO so you can communicate directly. If approved, of course I'll assist in any way I can.

(b)(6)  
 MAJ, MC, USA  
 Assistant Chief, DEM  
 Martin Army Community Hospital  
 Ft. Benning, GA 31905  
 (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** David Hasemyer [mailto:(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 16, 2018 2:55 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] A scaled back request

All active links contained in this email were disabled. Please verify the identity of the sender, and confirm the authenticity of all links contained within the message prior to copying and pasting the address to a Web browser.

---

Dr (b)(6)

The work being done at the heat center plays a critical role in our story in terms of explaining what the Army and DoD are doing to address heat illness and to establish a comprehensive and sustained strategy to address heat.



While your phone interview provided me with important insight that I'll be including in my article, I haven't given up hope that we may also be able to include your voice in our accompanying video. I understand BMACH and MCoE leadership would like to postpone until next year, but our story and video will be published this year.

Perhaps scaling back our initial request to a simple on-camera interview would be more logistically acceptable to them? We would be reducing our earlier long list request of meetings, base weather station, physical training, etc. to an interview with you and perhaps Dr. (b)(6)

We simply want to convey in the most diverse and powerful way – through video and the written word – the work that is taking place at Martin Army Community Hospital that has as its goal setting the standard for treating and preventing heat-related illness. An interview with you would help highlight BMACH's critical mission.

Please consider any alternatives that would allow us in-person access.

Again your help is appreciated.

Sincerely,

---

Dave Hasemyer

Reporter

InsideClimate News < Caution-<http://www.insideclimatenews.org/> >

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting  
CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

(b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)

**From:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 5, 2018 1:21 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US); (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US)  
**Subject:** RE: Heat Injury Story (UNCLASSIFIED)

(b)(5)

Vr -

(b)(6)

Chief, Public Affairs

USAMEDDAC/Martin Army Community Hospital

6600 VanAalst Blvd, Upatoi Room BB104

Fort Benning, GA 31905

Office: (b)(6)

BB: (b)(6)

Facebook: <http://tinyurl.com/m9dzj32>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/MartinArmyCmyHospital@FtBenningGA@ArmyCmty>

Website: <http://martin.amedd.army.mil/>

Life is #BetteratBenning

Healthcare is#betteratbenning. #ChooseTricarePrime!

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US)

Sent: Thursday, October 4, 2018 4:46 PM

To: (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)

(b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US) (b)(6)

Subject: RE: Heat Injury Story (UNCLASSIFIED)

Ma'am,

(b)(5)

(b)(5)

Respectfully,

(b)(6)

ONE FORCE! ONE FIGHT!

Respectfully,

(b)(6)

Chief of Public Affairs  
Maneuver Center of Excellence

☎OFFICE: (b)(6)

☎BLACKBERRY: (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)

Sent: Thursday, October 4, 2018 4:38 PM

To: (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM  
BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>

Cc: (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY  
MCOE (US) <(b)(6)>

Subject: RE: Heat Injury Story (UNCLASSIFIED)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

(b)(5)

V/R,

(b)(6)

MAJ, MC, USA  
Assistant Chief, DEM  
Martin Army Community Hospital  
Ft. Benning, GA 31905

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US)

Sent: Tuesday, October 2, 2018 3:48 PM

To: (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) MAJ USARMY  
MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>

Cc: (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY  
MCOE (US) <(b)(6)>

Subject: Heat Injury Story

ALL,

(b)(5)

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

Public Affairs Specialist

(b)(6)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED



(b)(6) P CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)

---

**From:** David Hasemyer <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 20, 2018 3:08 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Away soaking in natural hot springs of Colorado Re: Fort Benning Heat injury research story

All active links contained in this email were disabled. Please verify the identity of the sender, and confirm the authenticity of all links contained within the message prior to copying and pasting the address to a Web browser.

---

I'm away on an assignment and will be checking email at the end of each day. I may not respond until Friday.

--

Dave Hasemyer

Reporter

InsideClimate News < Caution-<http://www.insideclimatenews.org/> >

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting

(b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)

---

**From:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 20, 2018 3:07 PM  
**To:** 'David Hasemyer'  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Subject:** Fort Benning Heat injury research story

Good afternoon Sir,

I understand your article has a projected publication period of mid-November. I've been directed by my public affairs chief to ask if we may receive a courtesy copy before publication. We look forward to reading your story about our research efforts here at Fort Benning, and we thank you for your interest.

Thank you in advance.

Respectfully,

(b)(6)  
Public Affairs Specialist  
Martin Army Community Hospital  
Fort Benning, Ga. 31905  
(b)(6) Office

(b)(6) **CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)**

---

**From:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 19, 2018 4:11 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) COL USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) LTC USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Subject:** Media contact summary090518\_2  
**Attachments:** Media contact summary090518\_2.docx

Sir - my apologies, forgot to attach the summary from 5 Sep 2018.

Vr- (b)(6)

Vr -

(b)(6)  
 Chief, Public Affairs  
 USAMEDDAC/Martin Army Community Hospital  
 6600 VanAalst Blvd, Upatoi Room BB104  
 Fort Benning, GA 31905  
 Office: (b)(6)  
 BB: (b)(6)  
 Facebook: <http://tinyurl.com/m9dzj32>  
 Twitter: <https://twitter.com/MartinArmyCmyHospital@FtBenningGA@ArmyCmty>  
 Website: <http://martin.amedd.army.mil/>

Life is #BetteratBenning  
 Healthcare is#betteratbenning. #ChooseTricarePrime!

(b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)

---

**From:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 19, 2018 4:09 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) COL USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) LTC USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) CIV  
USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Subject:** RE: Heat Center/ Benning visit  
**Attachments:** White Paper - Heat Center 1Aug18 DCCS Approved.docx

Colonel (b)(6) -

(b)(5)



Awaiting final review and decision.

Vr - (b)(6)

Vr -

(b)(6)

Chief, Public Affairs

USAMEDDAC/Martin Army Community Hospital

6600 VanAalst Blvd, Upatoi Room BB104

Fort Benning, GA 31905

Office: (b)(6)

BB: (b)(6)

Facebook: <http://tinyurl.com/m9dzj32>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/MartinArmyCmyHospital@FtBenningGA@ArmyCmty>

Website: <http://martin.amedd.army.mil/>

Life is #BetteratBenning

Healthcare is #betteratbenning. #ChooseTricarePrime!

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) COL USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)

Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2018 1:34 PM

To: (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>

Cc: (b)(6) LTC USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>

Subject: RE: Heat Center/ Benning visit

(b)(6)

Excellent summary.

Standing by.

Respectfully,

(b)(6)

COL, MC

Commander, Martin Army Community Hospital Fort Benning, GA 31905

Office: (b)(6)

Mobile: (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)

Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2018 10:01 AM

To: (b)(6) COL USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) (b)(6) (b)(6) LTC USARMY  
 MEDCOM BMACH (US) (b)(6)  
 Cc: (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) (b)(6); (b)(6) CIV  
 USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) (b)(6)  
 Subject: Heat Center/ Benning visit

Sir -  
 I am still gathering facts, but will send those as soon as I have them all. Trying to connect the dots here.... Also working with MCOE PAO/MEDCOM/Region/OTSG for input.

The reporter is an investigate reporter.... see his previous work - David Hasemyer, Inside Climate News reporting <https://insideclimatenews.org/author/david-hasemyer>. The genre seems to be exposure. He has won a Pulitzer and has been a finalist for the Gerald Loeb Award and the Robert F. Kennedy Award for Social Justice and Human Rights. (b)(5)

(b)(5)

Vr -

(b)(6)

Vr -

(b)(6)

Chief, Public Affairs  
 USAMEDDAC/Martin Army Community Hospital  
 6600 VanAalst Blvd, Upatoi Room BB104  
 Fort Benning, GA 31905  
 Office: (b)(6)

BB: (b)(6)

Facebook: <http://tinyurl.com/m9dzj32>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/MartinArmyCmyHospital@FtBenningGA@ArmyCmty>

Website: <http://martin.amedd.army.mil/>

Life is #BetteratBenning

Healthcare is#betteratbenning. #ChooseTricarePrime!

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) COL USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)

Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2018 7:59 AM

To: (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) (b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6) LTC USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) (b)(6); (b)(6) CIV

USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) (b)(6)

Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Heat Center/ Benning visit

MAJ (b)(6)

(b)(5)

Respectfully,

(b)(6)

COL, MC

Commander, Martin Army Community Hospital Fort Benning, GA 31905

Office: (b)(6)

Mobile: (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)

Sent: Monday, September 17, 2018 12:03 PM

To: (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) (b)(6); (b)(6) COL

USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) (b)(6); (b)(6) LTC USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)

(b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6) LTC USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) (b)(6); (b)(6) MAJ

USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) (b)(6); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM

BMACH (US) (b)(6); (b)(6) COL USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)

(b)(6); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) (b)(6);

(b)(6) LTC USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) (b)(6); (b)(6) LTC USARMY

MEDCOM BMACH (US) (b)(6); (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)

(b)(6); (b)(6) COL USARMY TRADOC (US) (b)(6);

(b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) (b)(6); (b)(6) CIV

USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US)  
 <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)  
 <(b)(6)> CPT USARMY 75 RGR REGT (US) <(b)(6)>  
 Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Heat Center/ Benning visit

MAJ (b)(6)

(b)(5)

V/R,

MAJ (b)(6)

Executive Officer

Office Phone (b)(6)

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
 Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2018 4:48 AM  
 To: (b)(6) COL USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) LTC  
 USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>  
 Cc: (b)(6) LTC USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) MAJ  
 USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM  
 BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) COL USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
 <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>;  
 (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) LTC  
 USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) LTC USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
 <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
 <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) COL USARMY TRADOC (US) <(b)(6)>  
 (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV  
 USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US)  
 <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)  
 (b)(6) CPT USARMY 75 RGR REGT (US) <(b)(6)>  
 Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Heat Center/ Benning visit

Heat Team,

Please see below. (b)(5)

(b)(5)

V/R,

(b)(6)

MAJ, MC, USA

Assistant Chief, DEM

Martin Army Community Hospital

Ft. Benning, GA 31905

(b)(6)



-----Original Message-----

From: David Hasemyer [mailto:(b)(6)]

Sent: Friday, September 14, 2018 10:31 AM

To: (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) (b)(6)

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Heat Center/ Benning visit

All active links contained in this email were disabled. Please verify the identity of the sender, and confirm the authenticity of all links contained within the message prior to copying and pasting the address to a Web browser.

---

Dr. (b)(6)

Thankyou again for your offer of an in-person visit. We, myself and the InsideClimate News video journalist, would like to make a hospital and base visit Oct. 24, 25 and 26.

Alongwith talking with you and Maj. (b)(6) we'd like to see the section of the hospital/ER/Heat Center where heat illnesses are treated. It also will be important to us to talk with some soldiers who have been treated for a heat illness; and perhaps even a soldier who was forced to leave the military because of the effects of a heat illness.

I'm also hoping you can facilitate interviews and observations of base operations where heat mitigation is an element of the preparation for training. I'm thinking that would include the base weather center, any classes where soldiers are instructed on heat mitigation; observing any meetings where heat is a part of the risk assessment equation.

We'd also like to be in the field to observe some of the training, including exercises where soldiers are in full gear, and some of the safety measures that are employed to protect against heat illness.

And just to follow-up on a couple of other earlier requests, it remains important to get as many details as possible about the 2016 "preventable death of a young officer" referenced in your white paper as the genesis of the Heat Center. It would be appreciated if you could tell me more about that case; the circumstances surrounding the death, how it was preventable. And what would be different today both in terms of treating the officer and mitigating the threat.

Thankyou again for your help. This gives us the in-sight necessary to explain inreal, human terms the threat heat poses to individual soldiers as wells as tomilitary preparedness.

I'llbe away on vacation next week, but will check in with you upon my return.

Sincerely,

--

Dave Hasemyer

Reporter

InsideClimate News < Caution-<http://www.insideclimatenews.org/> >

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting

(b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)

**From:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 19, 2018 2:56 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Subject:** FW: Request for information (UNCLASSIFIED)  
**Attachments:** White Paper - Heat Center 1Aug18 DCCS Approved.docx

**Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 19, 2018 12:17 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: Request for information (UNCLASSIFIED)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

Here is the White Paper.

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 10:09 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Request for information

Major (b)(6) and Major (b)(6),

(b)(5)

Can you provide a copy of your white paper he refers to in the email?

Thank you,

Vr -

(b)(6)  
 Chief, Public Affairs  
 USAMEDDAC/Martin Army Community Hospital  
 6600 VanAalst Blvd, Upatoi Room BB104  
 Fort Benning, GA 31905  
 Office: (b)(6)

(b)(6) **CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)**

---

**From:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 19, 2018 2:56 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Subject:** FW: Request for information (UNCLASSIFIED)  
**Attachments:** White Paper - Heat Center 1Aug18 DCCS Approved.docx  
**Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 19, 2018 12:17 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: Request for information (UNCLASSIFIED)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

Here is the White Paper.

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 10:09 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Request for information

Major (b)(6) and Major (b)(6)

(b)(5)

Can you provide a copy of your white paper he refers to in the email?

Thank you,

Vr -

(b)(6)

Chief, Public Affairs  
 USAMEDDAC/Martin Army Community Hospital  
 6600 VanAalst Blvd, Upatoi Room BB104  
 Fort Benning, GA 31905  
 Office: (b)(6)



BB: (b)(6)

Facebook: <http://tinyurl.com/m9dzj32>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/MartinArmyCmyHospital@FtBenningGA@ArmyCmt>

Website: <http://martin.amedd.army.mil/>

Life is #BetteratBenning

Healthcare is#betteratbenning. #ChooseTricarePrime!

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

Office of the Surgeon General  
US Army Medical Command

(b)(6)

BB: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Have a fine Army Day Hooah

Are you socializing with us?

Follow: @LTGWest

Follow: @CSMMedcom

Follow: @ArmyMedicine

Like Us: <https://www.facebook.com/OfficialArmyMedicine/>

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US)

Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2018 6:37 AM

To: (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA OTSG (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) LTC

USARMY HQDA OCPA (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA OCPA (US)

<(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)

(b)(6) MAJ USARMY TRADOC (US) <(b)(6)>

Cc: (b)(6) COL USARMY HQDA OCPA (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY

IMCOM HQ (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY TRADOC (US)

<(b)(6)>

Subject: MEDIA ENGAGEMENT REQUEST: Inside Climate News-Dave Hasemyer: Heat Center/ Benning visit

Good morning

(b)(5)

\*\*\*\*\*ORIGINAL QUERY\*\*\*\*\*

Thank you again for your offer of an in-person visit. We, myself and the Inside Climate News video journalist, would like to make a hospital and base visit Oct. 24, 25 and 26.

Along with talking with you and Maj. (b)(6), we'd like to see the section of the hospital/ER/Heat Center where heat illnesses are treated. It also will be important to us to talk with some soldiers who have been treated for a heat illness; and perhaps even a soldier who was forced to leave the military because of the effects of a heat illness.

I'm also hoping you can facilitate interviews and observations of base operations where heat mitigation is an element of the preparation for training. I'm thinking that would include the base weather center, any classes where soldiers are instructed on heat mitigation; observing any meetings where heat is a part of the risk assessment equation.

We'd also like to be in the field to observe some of the training, including exercises where soldiers are in full gear, and some of the safety measures that are employed to protect against heat illness.

Adjust to follow-up on a couple of other earlier request, it remains important to get as many details as possible about the 2016 "preventable death of a young officer" referenced in your white paper as the genesis of the Heat Center. It would be appreciated if you could tell me more about that case; the circumstances surrounding the death, how it was preventable. And what would be different today both in terms of treating the officer and mitigating the threat.

Thank you again for your help. This gives us the in-sight necessary to explain in real, human terms the threat heat poses to individual soldiers as wells as to military preparedness.

I'll be away on vacation next week, but will check in with you upon my return.

\*\*\*\*\*

Thank you for the assistance.

Respectfully,

(b)(6)

ONE FORCE! ONE FIGHT!

Respectfully,

(b)(6)

Chief of Public Affairs

Maneuver Center of Excellence

1 Karker St., McGinnis-Wickam Hall, Ste. W-141 Fort Benning, GA 31905

✉ NIPR: (b)(6)

☎ OFFICE: (b)(6)

☎ BLACKBERRY: (b)(6)

(b)(6) **CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)**

**From:** (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 19, 2018 12:16 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Subject:** RE: Request for information (UNCLASSIFIED)

**Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

(b)(5)

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 10:09 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Request for information

Major (b)(6) and Major (b)(6),

(b)(5)

Can you provide a copy of your white paper he refers to in the email?

Thank you,

Vr -

(b)(6)

Chief, Public Affairs  
 USAMEDDAC/Martin Army Community Hospital  
 6600 VanAalst Blvd, Upatoi Room BB104  
 Fort Benning, GA 31905  
 Office: (b)(6)  
 BB: (b)(6)  
 Facebook: <http://tinyurl.com/m9dzj32>  
 Twitter: <https://twitter.com/MartinArmyCmyHospital@FtBenningGA@ArmyCmt>  
 Website: <http://martin.amedd.army.mil/>



Life is #BetteratBenning  
Healthcare is#betteratbenning. #ChooseTricarePrime!

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

(b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)

**From:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 11:11 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) P CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Subject:** FW: MEDIA ENGAGEMENT REQUEST: Inside Climate News-Dave Hasemyer: Heat Center/ Benning visit  
**Attachments:** 20180815\_Inside Climate Heat Illness.docx; Attachment 1 - Public Health Alert.pptx; 2014 - 2018 Army Heat Illness Data.pdf

FYSA

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 11:10 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) COL USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) LTC USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US); (b)(6)  
**Subject:** MEDIA ENGAGEMENT REQUEST: Inside Climate News-Dave Hasemyer: Heat Center/ Benning visit

Colonel (b)(6) and LTC (b)(6)

(b)(5)

Vr -

(b)(6)

Vr -

(b)(6)

Chief, Public Affairs  
 USAMEDDAC/Martin Army Community Hospital  
 6600 VanAalst Blvd, Upatoi Room BB104  
 Fort Benning, GA 31905  
 Office: (b)(6)  
 BB: (b)(6)  
 Facebook: <http://tinyurl.com/m9dzj32>  
 Twitter: <https://twitter.com/MartinArmyCmyHospital@FtBenningGA@ArmyCmty>  
 Website: <http://martin.amedd.army.mil/>

Life is #BetteratBenning  
 Healthcare is#betteratbenning. #ChooseTricarePrime!

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM APHC (US)

Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2018 10:58 AM

To: (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA OTSG (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US) <(b)(6)>

Cc: (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM RHC-A (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA OTSG (US)

<(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY (US) <(b)(6)>

Subject: RE: MEDIA ENGAGEMENT REQUEST: Inside Climate News-Dave Hasemyer: Heat Center/ Benning visit

All,

Thank you for looping Army public health in -- we were interviewed by the same reporter back in August for an article he is producing on preventing heat illness. The EXSUM of that engagement is attached. Also sharing two documents we sent him after the interview. The first is the Army Public Health Center's public health alert on preventing heat illness (which contains some messaging) and the second is heat injury data for Soldiers over the past few years.

V/R

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

Chief, Public Affairs and Marketing Division, Army Public Health Center Public Affairs Officer, DCS-Public Health, U.S. Army MEDCOM

8252 Blackhawk Road (Building E-5158)

APG, MD 21010

Desk: (b)(6)

Blackberry: (b)(6)

E-mail: (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA OTSG (US)

Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2018 9:19 AM

To: (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US) <(b)(6)>

Cc: (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM APHC (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM RHC-A (US)

<(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA OTSG (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY (US) <(b)(6)>

Subject: RE: MEDIA ENGAGEMENT REQUEST: Inside Climate News-Dave Hasemyer: Heat Center/ Benning visit

(b)(6)

I've added to the chain the hospital PAO, the regional health command PAO, and the Army Public Health PAO just in case they weren't looped in. (b)(6) I added

(b)(6) in case there was some messaging they have on heat illnesses/injury that could be useful.

Is Climate News a national show?

Respectfully,

(b)(6)

Public Affairs Specialist

**From:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA OTSG (US)  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US)  
**Subject:** RE: MEDIA ENGAGEMENT REQUEST: Inside Climate News-Dave Hasemyer: Heat Center/ Benning visit  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 9:57:40 AM

---

Acknowledged. Many Thanks!

Respectfully,

(b)(6)

Public Affairs Specialist  
 Office of the Surgeon General  
 US Army Medical Command

(b)(6)

BB: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Have a fine Army Day Hooah

Are you socializing with us?

Follow: @LTGWest

Follow: @CSMMedcom

Follow: @ArmyMedicine

Like Us: <https://www.facebook.com/OfficialArmyMedicine/>

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US)

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 9:57 AM

**To:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA OTSG (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)

(b)(6) LTC USARMY HQDA OCPA (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA  
 OCPA (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA (US)

<(b)(6)>; (b)(6) MAJ USARMY TRADOC (US)

<(b)(6)>

**Cc:** (b)(6) COL USARMY HQDA OCPA (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)

CIV USARMY IMCOM HQ (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY TRADOC  
 (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA OTSG (US)

<(b)(6)>

**Subject:** RE: MEDIA ENGAGEMENT REQUEST: Inside Climate News-Dave Hasemyer: Heat Center/ Benning visit

Ma'am

(b)(5)

Respectfully,

(b)(6)

ONE FORCE! ONE FIGHT!

Respectfully,

(b)(6)

Chief of Public Affairs  
 Maneuver Center of Excellence



OFFICE: (b)(6)  
 BLACKBERRY: (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA OTSG (US)  
 Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2018 9:16 AM  
 To: (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) LTC  
 USARMY HQDA OCPA (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA OCPA  
 (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA (US) <(b)(6)>;  
 (b)(6) MAJ USARMY TRADOC (US) <(b)(6)>  
 Cc: (b)(6) COL USARMY HQDA OCPA (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)  
 CIV USARMY IMCOM HQ (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY TRADOC  
 (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA OTSG (US)  
 <(b)(6)>  
 Subject: RE: MEDIA ENGAGEMENT REQUEST: Inside Climate News-Dave Hasemyer: Heat Center/ Benning  
 visit

(b)(6)

(b)(5)

Respectfully,

(b)(6)  
 Public Affairs Specialist  
 Office of the Surgeon General  
 US Army Medical Command

(b)(6)

BB: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Have a fine Army Day Hooah

Are you socializing with us?

Follow: @LTGWest

Follow: @CSMMedcom

Follow: @ArmyMedicine

Like Us: <https://www.facebook.com/OfficialArmyMedicine/>

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US)  
 Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2018 6:37 AM  
 To: (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA OTSG (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)  
 (b)(6) LTC USARMY HQDA OCPA (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA  
 OCPA (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA (US)  
 <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) MAJ USARMY TRADOC (US)  
 <(b)(6)>  
 Cc: (b)(6) COL USARMY HQDA OCPA (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)  
 CIV USARMY IMCOM HQ (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY TRADOC  
 (US) <(b)(6)>  
 Subject: MEDIA ENGAGEMENT REQUEST: Inside Climate News-Dave Hasemyer: Heat Center/ Benning visit

Good morning

Requesting review, guidance and approval for this media engagement request.

(b)(5)

(b)(5)

\*\*\*\*\*ORIGINAL QUERY\*\*\*\*\*

Thank you again for your offer of an in-person visit. We, myself and the Inside Climate News video journalist, would like to make a hospital and base visit Oct. 24, 25 and 26.

Along with talking with you and Maj (b)(6) we'd like to see the section of the hospital/ER/Heat Center where heat illnesses are treated. It also will be important to us to talk with some soldiers who have been treated for a heat illness; and perhaps even a soldier who was forced to leave the military because of the effects of a heat illness.

I'm also hoping you can facilitate interviews and observations of base operations where heat mitigation is an element of the preparation for training. I'm thinking that would include the base weather center, any classes where soldiers are instructed on heat mitigation; observing any meetings where heat is a part of the risk assessment equation.

We'd also like to be in the field to observe some of the training, including exercises where soldiers are in full gear, and some of the safety measures that are employed to protect against heat illness.

Adjust to follow-up on a couple of other earlier request, it remains important to get as many details as possible about the 2016 "preventable death of a young officer" referenced in your white paper as the genesis of the Heat Center. It would be appreciated if you could tell me more about that case; the circumstances surrounding the death, how it was preventable. And what would be different today both in terms of treating the officer and mitigating the threat.

Thank you again for your help. This gives us the in-sight necessary to explain in real, human terms the threat heat poses to individual soldiers as wells as to military preparedness.

I'll be away on vacation next week, but will check in with you upon my return.

\*\*\*\*\*

Thank you for the assistance.

Respectfully,

(b)(6)

ONE FORCE! ONE FIGHT!

Respectfully,

(b)(6)

**Chief of Public Affairs**

**Maneuver Center of Excellence**

**1 Karker St., McGinnis-Wickam Hall, Ste. W-141 Fort Benning, GA 31905**

**NIPR:** (b)(6)

**OFFICE:** (b)(6)

**BLACKBERRY:** (b)(6)

**From:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY HODA OTSG (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM APHC (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM RHC-A (US);  
(b)(6) CIV USARMY HODA OTSG (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY (US)  
**Subject:** RE: MEDIA ENGAGEMENT REQUEST: Inside Climate News-Dave Hasemyer: Heat Center/ Benning visit  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 9:55:10 AM

---

Good Morning (b)(6) ALCON: I was still gathering facts, but will send those as soon as I have them all. Trying to connect the dots here....

The reporter is an investigate reporter.... see his previous work - David Hasemyer, Inside Climate News reporting <https://insideclimatenews.org/author/david-hasemyer>. The genre seems to be exposure. He has won a Pulitzer and has been a finalist for the Gerald Loeb Award and the Robert F. Kennedy Award for Social Justice and Human Rights. (b)(5)

(b)(5)

Vr

(b)(6)

Vr -

(b)(6)

Chief, Public Affairs

USAMEDDAC/Martin Army Community Hospital

6600 VanAalst Blvd, Upatoi Room BB104

Fort Benning, GA 31905

Office: (b)(6)

BB: (b)(6)

Facebook: <http://tinyurl.com/m9dzj32>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/MartinArmyCmyHospital@FtBenningGA@ArmyCmty>

Website: <http://martin.amedd.army.mil/>

Life is #BetteratBenning  
Healthcare is #betteratbenning. #ChooseTricarePrime!

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA OTSG (US)  
Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2018 9:19 AM  
To: (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US) <(b)(6)>  
Cc: (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM APHC (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)  
CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY  
MEDCOM RHC-A (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA OTSG (US)  
<(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY (US)  
<(b)(6)>  
Subject: RE: MEDIA ENGAGEMENT REQUEST: Inside Climate News-Dave Hasemyer: Heat Center/ Benning visit

(b)(6)

I've added to the chain the hospital PAO, the regional health command PAO, and the Army Public Health PAO just in case they weren't looped in. (b)(5) I added Chanel in case there was some messaging they have on heat illnesses/injury that could be useful.

Is Climate News a national show?

Respectfully,

(b)(6)

Public Affairs Specialist  
Office of the Surgeon General  
US Army Medical Command

(b)(6)

BB: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Have a fine Army Day Hooah

Are you socializing with us?

Follow: @LTGWest

Follow: @CSMMedcom

Follow: @ArmyMedicine

Like Us: <https://www.facebook.com/OfficialArmyMedicine/>

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US)  
Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2018 6:37 AM  
To: (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA OTSG (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)  
(b)(6) LTC USARMY HQDA OCPA (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA  
OCPA (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA (US)  
<(b)(6)>; (b)(6) MAJ USARMY TRADOC (US)  
<(b)(6)>  
Cc: (b)(6) COL USARMY HQDA OCPA (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)  
CIV USARMY IMCOM HQ (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY TRADOC  
(US) <(b)(6)>  
Subject: MEDIA ENGAGEMENT REQUEST: Inside Climate News-Dave Hasemyer: Heat Center/ Benning visit



Good morning

Requesting review, guidance and approval for this media engagement request.

(b)(5)

\*\*\*\*\*ORIGINAL QUERY\*\*\*\*\*

Thank you again for your offer of an in-person visit. We, myself and the Inside Climate News video journalist, would like to make a hospital and base visit Oct. 24, 25 and 26.

Along with talking with you and Maj. (b)(6) we'd like to see the section of the hospital/ER/Heat Center where heat illnesses are treated. It also will be important to us to talk with some soldiers who have been treated for a heat illness; and perhaps even a soldier who was forced to leave the military because of the effects of a heat illness.

I'm also hoping you can facilitate interviews and observations of base operations where heat mitigation is an element of the preparation for training. I'm thinking that would include the base weather center, any classes where soldiers are instructed on heat mitigation; observing any meetings where heat is a part of the risk assessment equation.

We'd also like to be in the field to observe some of the training, including exercises where soldiers are in full gear, and some of the safety measures that are employed to protect against heat illness.

Adjust to follow-up on a couple of other earlier request, it remains important to get as many details as possible about the 2016 "preventable death of a young officer" referenced in your white paper as the genesis of the Heat Center. It would be appreciated if you could tell me more about that case; the circumstances surrounding the death, how it was preventable. And what would be different today both in terms of treating the officer and mitigating the threat.

Thank you again for your help. This gives us the in-sight necessary to explain in real, human terms the threat heat poses to individual soldiers as wells as to military preparedness.

I'll be away on vacation next week, but will check in with you upon my return.

\*\*\*\*\*

Thank you for the assistance.

Respectfully,

(b)(6)

ONE FORCE! ONE FIGHT!

Respectfully,

(b)(6)

Chief of Public Affairs

Maneuver Center of Excellence

1 Karker St., McGinnis-Wickam Hall, Ste. W-141 Fort Benning, GA 31905

NIPR: (b)(6)

OFFICE: (b)(6)

BLACKBERRY: (b)(6)

(b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)

**From:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 9:35 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Subject:** FW: MEDIA ENGAGEMENT REQUEST: Inside Climate News-Dave Hasemyer: Heat Center/ Benning visit

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA OTSG (US)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 9:19 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US) (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM APHC (US) (b)(6); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) (b)(6); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM RHC-A (US) (b)(6); (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA OTSG (US) (b)(6); (b)(6) CIV USARMY (US) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: MEDIA ENGAGEMENT REQUEST: Inside Climate News-Dave Hasemyer: Heat Center/ Benning visit

(b)(6)

I've added to the chain the hospital PAO, the regional health command PAO, and the Army Public Health PAO just in case they weren't looped in. (b)(5) I added

(b)(6) in case there was some messaging they have on heat illnesses/injury that could be useful.

Is Climate News a national show?

Respectfully,

(b)(6)  
 Public Affairs Specialist  
 Office of the Surgeon General  
 US Army Medical Command

(b)(6)  
 BB: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Have a fine Army Day Hooah  
 Are you socializing with us?

Follow: @LTGWest

Follow: @CSMMedcom

Follow: @ArmyMedicine

Like Us: <https://www.facebook.com/OfficialArmyMedicine/>

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 6:37 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA OTSG (US) (b)(6); (b)(6) LTC USARMY HQDA OCPA (US) (b)(6); (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA OCPA (US)

(b)(6); (b)(6) CIV USARMY HQDA (US) (b)(6); (b)(6)  
 (b)(6) MAJ USARMY TRADOC (US) (b)(6)  
 Cc: (b)(6) COL USARMY HQDA OCPA (US) (b)(6); (b)(6) CIV USARMY  
 IMCOM HQ (US) (b)(6); (b)(6) CIV USARMY TRADOC (US)  
 (b)(6)

Subject: MEDIA ENGAGEMENT REQUEST: Inside Climate News-Dave Hasemyer: Heat Center/ Benning visit

Good morning

Requesting review, guidance and approval for this media engagement request.

(b)(5)

\*\*\*\*\*ORIGINAL QUERY\*\*\*\*\*

Thank you again for your offer of an in-person visit. We, myself and the Inside Climate News video journalist, would like to make a hospital and base visit Oct. 24, 25 and 26.

Along with talking with you and Maj. (b)(6), we'd like to see the section of the hospital/ER/Heat Center where heat illnesses are treated. It also will be important to us to talk with some soldiers who have been treated for a heat illness; and perhaps even a soldier who was forced to leave the military because of the effects of a heat illness.

I'm also hoping you can facilitate interviews and observations of base operations where heat mitigation is an element of the preparation for training. I'm thinking that would include the base weather center, any classes where soldiers are instructed on heat mitigation; observing any meetings where heat is a part of the risk assessment equation.

We'd also like to be in the field to observe some of the training, including exercises where soldiers are in full gear, and some of the safety measures that are employed to protect against heat illness.

Adjust to follow-up on a couple of other earlier request, it remains important to get as many details as possible about the 2016 "preventable death of a young officer" referenced in your white paper as the genesis of the Heat Center. It would be appreciated if you could tell me more about that case; the circumstances surrounding the death, how it was preventable. And what would be different today both in terms of treating the officer and mitigating the threat.

Thank you again for your help. This gives us the in-sight necessary to explain in real, human terms the threat heat poses to individual soldiers as wells as to military preparedness.

I'll be away on vacation next week, but will check in with you upon my return.

\*\*\*\*\*

Thank you for the assistance.

Respectfully,

(b)(6)

ONE FORCE! ONE FIGHT!

Respectfully,

(b)(6)

Chief of Public Affairs

Maneuver Center of Excellence

1 Karker St., McGinnis-Wickam Hall, Ste. W-141 Fort Benning, GA 31905

☑ NIPR: (b)(6)

☎ OFFICE: (b)(6)

☎ BLACKBERRY: (b)(6)



(b)(6) **CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)**

**From:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 17, 2018 3:50 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Subject:** FW: Media request for Ft. Benning Heat Illness Study - Inside Climate News (UNCLASSIFIED)

As requested.

v/r

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 11, 2018 9:18 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) MS (75RHQ) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US)  
 (b)(6) >; (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
 (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Media request for Ft. Benning Heat Illness Study - Inside Climate News (UNCLASSIFIED)

ALCON:

Mr. (b)(6), my office here at MEDDAC has been working closely with Dr. (b)(6) and Dr. (b)(6). He will in contact with you to provide information. He has been working with Mr. Hasemeyer..... there is certain information we cannot release.

Vr-

(b)(6)

Vr -

(b)(6)

Chief, Public Affairs  
 USAMEDDAC/Martin Army Community Hospital  
 6600 VanAalst Blvd, Upatoi Room BB104  
 Fort Benning, GA 31905  
 Office: (b)(6)  
 BB: (b)(6)  
 Facebook: <http://tinyurl.com/m9dzj32>  
 Twitter: <https://twitter.com/MartinArmyCmyHospital@FtBenningGA@ArmyCmty>  
 Website: <http://martin.amedd.army.mil/>

Life is #BetteratBenning

Healthcare is#betteratbenning. #ChooseTricarePrime!

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6) MS (75RHQ) [mailto:(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 10, 2018 9:57 AM

To: (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY  
MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>  
Subject: FW: Media request for Ft. Benning Heat Illness Study - Inside Climate News (UNCLASSIFIED)

(b)(6)

(b)(5)

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM USARIEM (US)

Sent: Friday, September 7, 2018 11:08 AM

To: (b)(6) CIV SOCOM 75 RGR (US) <(b)(6)>

Subject: Media request for Ft. Benning Heat Illness Study - Inside Climate News (UNCLASSIFIED)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

Hi (b)(6)

(b)(5)

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

Technical Writer

Natick, MA

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

[CAUTION] <http://www.usariem.army.mil/> [CAUTION] FIND US ON FACEBOOK: [CAUTION] [https://www.facebook.com/\[CAUTION\]#!/USARIEM](https://www.facebook.com/[CAUTION]#!/USARIEM)

Twitter: [CAUTION] <https://twitter.com/USARIEM> [CAUTION]

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

(b)(6) **CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)**

---

**From:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 17, 2018 3:13 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Subject:** FW: [Non-DoD Source] Thanks and a requests and a couple of questions (UNCLASSIFIED)

**Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED

(b)(6)

Please see this additional message, as well.

v/r

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 6, 2018 9:43 AM  
**To:** David Hasemyer <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] Thanks and a requests and a couple of questions (UNCLASSIFIED)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

We would WELCOME you to Ft. Benning to see what we're doing. Please give me a few options regarding potential windows and I'll try to find a time when the key players are available.

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** David Hasemyer [mailto:(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 5, 2018 4:02 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Thanks and a requests and a couple of questions

All active links contained in this email were disabled. Please verify the identity of the sender, and confirm the authenticity of all links contained within the message prior to copying and pasting the address to a Web browser.

Maj. (b)(6)

Again, my thanks to you and Maj. (b)(6) for your time patience. Acknowledging heat is a threat to military preparedness and efforts to recognize and reduce that threat are cornerstones to the story I'm researching. Your insights and description of the work being done to reduce heat illness illuminated those issues in real-time. That is so valuable to me.

I was relaying the essence of our morning conversation to a colleague and we both started thinking it would be valuable for us if we could visit the base and the hospital to see the works that's being done. What is the best – and most expedient – way to arrange a visit?

And I appreciate the links and documents you sent along.

In scanning the white paper, I noticed the reference to the "preventable death of a young officer" in 2016 as the genesis of the Heat Center. It would be appreciated if you could tell me more about that case; the circumstances surrounding the death, how it was preventable. And what would be different today both in terms of treating the officer and mitigating the threat.

And we also had discussed some elementary return to duty protocols that would give me a broad understanding of how soldiers recover from and return to duty following minor heat incidents to life-threatening heat stroke.

Again. Thank you again for your help.

—  
Dave Hasemyer

Reporter

InsideClimate News < Caution-<http://www.insideclimatenews.org/> >

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED



(b)(6) **CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)**

**From:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 17, 2018 3:13 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Subject:** FW: [Non-DoD Source] Heat Center/ Benning visit

(b)(6)

Please view the timeline (dates).

v/r

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 15, 2018 4:48 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) COL USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) LTC  
 USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** (b)(6) LTC USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) MAJ  
 USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM  
 BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) COL USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
 <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>;  
 (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) LTC  
 USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) LTC USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
 <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
 <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) COL USARMY TRADOC (US) <(b)(6)>;  
 (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV  
 USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US)  
 <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)  
 (b)(6) CPT USARMY 75 RGR REGT (US) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** FW: [Non-DoD Source] Heat Center/ Benning visit

Heat Team,

Please see below. (b)(5)

(b)(5)

V/R,

(b)(6)

MAJ, MC, USA  
 Assistant Chief, DEM  
 Martin Army Community Hospital  
 Ft. Benning, GA 31905

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: David Hasemyer [mailto:(b)(6)]

Sent: Friday, September 14, 2018 10:31 AM

To: (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) (b)(6)

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Heat Center/ Benning visit

All active links contained in this email were disabled. Please verify the identity of the sender, and confirm the authenticity of all links contained within the message prior to copying and pasting the address to a Web browser.

---

Dr. (b)(6)

Thankyou again for your offer of an in-person visit. We, myself and the InsideClimate News video journalist, would like to make a hospital and base visit Oct. 24, 25 and 26.

Alongwith talking with you and Maj. (b)(6) we'd like to see the section of the hospital/ER/Heat Center where heat illnesses are treated. It also will be important to us to talk with some soldiers who have been treated for a heat illness; and perhaps even a soldier who was forced to leave the military because of the effects of a heat illness.

I'm also hoping you can facilitate interviews and observations of base operations where heat mitigation is an element of the preparation for training. I'm thinking that would include the base weather center, any classes where soldiers are instructed on heat mitigation; observing any meetings where heat is a part of the risk assessment equation.

We'd also like to be in the field to observe some of the training, including exercises where soldiers are in full gear, and some of the safety measures that are employed to protect against heat illness.

And just to follow-up on a couple of other earlier requests, it remains important to get as many details as possible about the 2016 "preventable death of a young officer" referenced in your white paper as the genesis of the Heat Center. It would be appreciated if you could tell me more about that case; the circumstances surrounding the death, how it was preventable. And what would be different today both in terms of treating the officer and mitigating the threat.

Thankyou again for your help. This gives us the in-sight necessary to explain in real, human terms the threat heat poses to individual soldiers as well as to military preparedness.

I'll be away on vacation next week, but will check in with you upon my return.

Sincerely,

---

Dave Hasemyer

Reporter

InsideClimate News < Caution-<http://www.insideclimatenews.org/> >

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting

(b)(6) **CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)**

**From:** (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 17, 2018 12:03 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) COL USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) LTC USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) LTC USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) COL USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) LTC USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) LTC USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) COL USARMY TRADOC (US); (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US); (b)(6) CPT USARMY 75 RGR REGT (US)  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] Heat Center/ Benning visit

MAJ (b)(6)

(b)(5)

V/R,  
 MAJ (b)(6)  
 Executive Officer  
 Office Phone: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 15, 2018 4:48 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) COL USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) LTC USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** (b)(6) LTC USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) COL USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) LTC USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) LTC USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) COL USARMY TRADOC (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CPT USARMY 75 RGR REGT (US) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** FW: [Non-DoD Source] Heat Center/ Benning visit



Heat Team,

Please see below. (b)(5)

(b)(5)

V/R,

(b)(6)

MAJ, MC, USA  
Assistant Chief, DEM  
Martin Army Community Hospital  
Ft. Benning, GA 31905

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: David Hasemyer [mailto:(b)(6)]

Sent: Friday, September 14, 2018 10:31 AM

To: (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) (b)(6)

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Heat Center/ Benning visit

All active links contained in this email were disabled. Please verify the identity of the sender, and confirm the authenticity of all links contained within the message prior to copying and pasting the address to a Web browser.

Dr. (b)(6)

Thankyou again for your offer of an in-person visit. We, myself and the InsideClimate News video journalist, would like to make a hospital and base visit Oct. 24, 25 and 26.

Alongwith talking with you and Maj. (b)(6) we'd like to see the section of the hospital/ER/Heat Center where heat illnesses are treated. It also will be important to us to talk with some soldiers who have been treated for a heat illness; and perhaps even a soldier who was forced to leave the military because of the effects of a heat illness.

I'm also hoping you can facilitate interviews and observations of base operations where heat mitigation is an element of the preparation for training. I'm thinking that would include the baseweather center, any classes where soldiers are instructed on heat mitigation; observing any meetings where heat is a part of the risk assessment equation.



We'd also like to be in the field to observe some of the training, including exercises where soldiers are in full gear, and some of the safety measures that are employed to protect against heat illness.

And just to follow-up on a couple of other earlier requests, it remains important to get as many details as possible about the 2016 "preventable death of a young officer" referenced in your white paper as the genesis of the Heat Center. It would be appreciated if you could tell me more about that case; the circumstances surrounding the death, how it was preventable. And what would be different today both in terms of treating the officer and mitigating the threat.

Thank you again for your help. This gives us the insight necessary to explain in real, human terms the threat heat poses to individual soldiers as well as to military preparedness.

I'll be away on vacation next week, but will check in with you upon my return.

Sincerely,

--

Dave Hasemyer

Reporter

InsideClimate News < Caution-<http://www.insideclimatenews.org/> >

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting

(b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)

**From:** (b)(6) LTC USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 17, 2018 8:58 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) COL USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) LTC USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) LTC USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) COL USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) LTC USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) COL USARMY TRADOC (US); (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US); (b)(6) CPT USARMY 75 RGR REGT (US)  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] Heat Center/ Benning visit (UNCLASSIFIED)  
**Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

Team,

(b)(5)

Respectfully,

(b)(6)

LTC, MS

Deputy Commander for Administration  
 Martin Army Community Hospital

(b)(6) (Office)

(b)(6) (Cell)

(b)(6) (fax)

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 15, 2018 4:48 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) COL USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) LTC USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) LTC USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) COL USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) LTC USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) LTC USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)

(b)(6) > (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
 (b)(6) > (b)(6) COL USARMY TRADOC (US) <(b)(6)>;  
 (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV  
 USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US)  
 <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6)  
 (b)(6) CPT USARMY 75 RGR REGT (US) <(b)(6)>  
 Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Heat Center/ Benning visit

Heat Team,

Please see below. (b)(5)

(b)(5)

V/R,

(b)(6)

MAJ, MC, USA  
 Assistant Chief, DEM  
 Martin Army Community Hospital  
 Ft. Benning, GA 31905

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: David Hasemyer [mailto:(b)(6)]

Sent: Friday, September 14, 2018 10:31 AM

To: (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Heat Center/ Benning visit

All active links contained in this email were disabled. Please verify the identity of the sender, and confirm the authenticity of all links contained within the message prior to copying and pasting the address to a Web browser.

Dr. (b)(6)

Thankyou again for your offer of an in-person visit. We, myself and the InsideClimate News video journalist, would like to make a hospital and base visit Oct. 24, 25 and 26.

Along with talking with you and Maj. (b)(6) we'd like to see the section of the hospital/ER/Heat Center where heat illnesses are treated. It also will be important to us to talk with some soldiers who have been treated for a heat illness; and perhaps even a soldier who was forced to leave the military because of the effects of a heat illness.

I'm also hoping you can facilitate interviews and observations of base operations where heat mitigation is an element of the preparation for training. I'm thinking that would include the base weather center, any classes where soldiers are instructed on heat mitigation; observing any meetings where heat is a part of the risk assessment equation.

We'd also like to be in the field to observe some of the training, including exercises where soldiers are in full gear, and some of the safety measures that are employed to protect against heat illness.

And just to follow-up on a couple of other earlier requests, it remains important to get as many details as possible about the 2016 "preventable death of a young officer" referenced in your white paper as the genesis of the Heat Center. It would be appreciated if you could tell me more about that case; the circumstances surrounding the death, how it was preventable. And what would be different today both in terms of treating the officer and mitigating the threat.

Thank you again for your help. This gives us the insight necessary to explain in real, human terms the threat heat poses to individual soldiers as well as to military preparedness.

I'll be away on vacation next week, but will check in with you upon my return.

Sincerely,

—  
Dave Hasemyer

Reporter

InsideClimate News < Caution-<http://www.insideclimatenews.org/> >

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting  
CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED



(b)(6) **CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)**

**From:** (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 15, 2018 4:48 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) COL USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) LTC USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) LTC USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) COL USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) LTC USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) LTC USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) COL USARMY TRADOC (US); (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US); (b)(6) CPT USARMY 75 RGR REGT (US)  
**Subject:** FW: [Non-DoD Source] Heat Center/ Benning visit

Heat Team,

Please see below. (b)(5)

(b)(5)

V/R,

(b)(6)

MAJ, MC, USA  
 Assistant Chief, DEM  
 Martin Army Community Hospital  
 Ft. Benning, GA 31905

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** David Hasemyer [mailto:(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 14, 2018 10:31 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) >  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Heat Center/ Benning visit

All active links contained in this email were disabled. Please verify the identity of the sender, and confirm the authenticity of all links contained within the message prior to copying and pasting the address to a Web browser.



Dr. (b)(6)

Thank you again for your offer of an in-person visit. We, myself and the InsideClimate News video journalist, would like to make a hospital and base visit Oct. 24, 25 and 26.

Along with talking with you and Maj. (b)(6) we'd like to see the section of the hospital/ER/Heat Center where heat illnesses are treated. It also will be important to us to talk with some soldiers who have been treated for a heat illness; and perhaps even a soldier who was forced to leave the military because of the effects of a heat illness.

I'm also hoping you can facilitate interviews and observations of base operations where heat mitigation is an element of the preparation for training. I'm thinking that would include the base weather center, any classes where soldiers are instructed on heat mitigation; observing any meetings where heat is a part of the risk assessment equation.

We'd also like to be in the field to observe some of the training, including exercises where soldiers are in full gear, and some of the safety measures that are employed to protect against heat illness.

And just to follow-up on a couple of other earlier requests, it remains important to get as many details as possible about the 2016 "preventable death of a young officer" referenced in your white paper as the genesis of the Heat Center. It would be appreciated if you could tell me more about that case; the circumstances surrounding the death, how it was preventable. And what would be different today both in terms of treating the officer and mitigating the threat.

Thank you again for your help. This gives us the in-sight necessary to explain in real, human terms the threat heat poses to individual soldiers as well as to military preparedness.

I'll be away on vacation next week, but will check in with you upon my return.

Sincerely,

-----  
Dave Hasemyer

Reporter

InsideClimate News < Caution-<http://www.insideclimatenews.org/> >

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting

(b)(6) **CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)**

**From:** (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 6, 2018 10:18 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) COL USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) LTC USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US); (b)(6) LTC USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) LTC USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) COL USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) LTC USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) COL USARMY TRADOC (US); (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Subject:** FYSA- Important Opportunity for the Heat Center Initiative (UNCLASSIFIED)

**Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

FYSA-

(b)(5)

V/R,

(b)(6)

MAJ, MC, USA  
 Assistant Chief, DEM  
 Martin Army Community Hospital  
 Ft. Benning, GA 31905

(b)(6)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

(b)(6) **CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)**

**From:** David Hasemyer <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 6, 2018 9:51 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) CIV  
 USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Subject:** Re: [Non-DoD Source] Thanks and a requests and a couple of questions  
 (UNCLASSIFIED)

All active links contained in this email were disabled. Please verify the identity of the sender, and confirm the authenticity of all links contained within the message prior to copying and pasting the address to a Web browser.

Much appreciated.

On Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 6:42 AM, (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>  
 Caution-mailto:(b)(6)> > wrote:

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

We would WELCOME you to Ft. Benning to see what we're doing. Please give me a few options regarding potential windows and I'll try to find a time when the key players are available.

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** David Hasemyer [Caution-mailto:(b)(6)>] <Caution-mailto:(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 5, 2018 4:02 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)> <Caution-mailto:(b)(6)> >  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Thanks and a requests and a couple of questions

All active links contained in this email were disabled. Please verify the identity of the sender, and confirm the authenticity of all links contained within the message prior to copying and pasting the address to a Web browser.

Maj (b)(6)

Again, my thanks to you and Maj (b)(6) for your time and patience. Acknowledging heat is a threat to military preparedness and efforts to recognize and reduce that threat are cornerstones to the story I'm researching. Your insights and description of the work being done to reduce heat illness illuminated those issues in real-time. That is so valuable to me.

I was relaying the essence of our morning conversation to a colleague and we both started thinking it would be valuable for us if we could visit the base and the hospital to see the work that's being done. What is the best -- and most expedient -- way to arrange a visit?

And I appreciate the links and documents you sent along.

In scanning the white paper, I noticed the reference to the "preventable death of a young officer" in 2016 as the genesis of the Heat Center. It would be appreciated if you could tell me more about that case; the circumstances surrounding the death, how it was preventable. And what would be different today both in terms of treating the officer and mitigating the threat.

And we also had discussed some elementary return to duty protocols that would give me a broad understanding of how soldiers recover from and return to duty following minor heat incidents to life-threatening heat stroke.

Again. Thank you again for your help.

--

Dave Hasemyer

Reporter

InsideClimate News < Caution-Caution-<http://www.insideclimatenews.org/> < Caution-  
<http://www.insideclimatenews.org/> > >

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED



--

Dave Hasemyer

Reporter

InsideClimate News < Caution-<http://www.insideclimatenews.org/> >

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting

(b)(6) **CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)**

---

**From:** (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 6, 2018 9:43 AM  
**To:** David Hasemyer  
**Cc:** (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) CIV  
 USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] Thanks and a requests and a couple of questions (UNCLASSIFIED)  
**Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

We would WELCOME you to Ft. Benning to see what we're doing. Please give me a few options regarding potential windows and I'll try to find a time when the key players are available.

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** David Hasemyer [mailto:(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 5, 2018 4:02 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Thanks and a requests and a couple of questions

All active links contained in this email were disabled. Please verify the identity of the sender, and confirm the authenticity of all links contained within the message prior to copying and pasting the address to a Web browser.

Maj. (b)(6)

Again, my thanks to you and Maj. (b)(6) for your time patience. Acknowledging heat is a threat to military preparedness and efforts to recognize and reduce that threat are cornerstones to the story I'm researching. Your insights and description of the work being done to reduce heat illness illuminated those issues in real-time. That is so valuable to me.

I was relaying the essence of our morning conversation to a colleague and we both started thinking it would be valuable for us if we could visit the base and the hospital to see the work that's being done. What is the best – and most expedient – way to arrange a visit?

And I appreciate the links and documents you sent along.

In scanning the white paper, I noticed the reference to the "preventable death of a young officer" in 2016 as the genesis of the Heat Center. It would be appreciated if you could tell me more about that case; the circumstances surrounding the death, how it was preventable. And what would be different today both in terms of treating the officer and mitigating the threat.

And we also had discussed some elementary return to duty protocols that would give me a broad understanding of how soldiers recover from and return to duty following minor heat incidents to life-threatening heat stroke.

Again. Thank you again for your help.

--  
Dave Hasemyer

Reporter

InsideClimate News < Caution-<http://www.insideclimatenews.org/> >

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting  
CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

(b)(6) **CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)**

**From:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM NRMCM (US)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 5, 2018 4:46 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM RHC-A (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY (US)  
**Subject:** RE: BMACH Media Engagement Summary (UNCLASSIFIED)  
**Attachments:** MEDIA DAILY--2018-09-05--Fort Benning heat injury study.docx  
**Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

TEAM,

See attached Media Daily.

(b)(6)  
 Regional Public Affairs Officer  
 Regional Health Command-Atlantic  
 Desk Phone: (b)(6)  
 Cell Phone: (b)(6)  
 Email: (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 5, 2018 4:00 PM  
**To:** USARMY Ft Belvoir MEDCOM RHC-A Mailbox Stratcom (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM RHC-A (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM NRMCM (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6)  
**Subject:** BMACH Media Engagement Summary

Good afternoon,

FYSA, here is the actual summary of today's interview with David Hasemyer, InsideClimate News.

Drs. (Majs.) (b)(6) and (b)(6) were interviewed about their extensive research on heat related injuries.

Have a great day!

Very respectfully,

(b)(6)

Public Affairs Specialist  
Martin Army Community Hospital  
Fort Benning, Ga. 31905

(b)(6)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED



(b)(6) **CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)**

**From:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 5, 2018 4:12 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US)  
**Subject:** RE: BMACH Media Engagement Summary (UNCLASSIFIED)

Thank you.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 5, 2018 4:10 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; USARMY Ft Belvoir MEDCOM RHC-A Mailbox Stratcom (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM RHC-A (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM NRMC (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: BMACH Media Engagement Summary (UNCLASSIFIED)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

Sir

Thank you for the summary and update. Looks like a good event, great interview. Will monitor.

Respectfully,

(b)(6)

ONE FORCE! ONE FIGHT!

Respectfully,

(b)(6)

Chief of Public Affairs  
 Maneuver Center of Excellence

OFFICE: (b)(6)

BLACKBERRY (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 5, 2018 4:00 PM  
**To:** USARMY Ft Belvoir MEDCOM RHC-A Mailbox Stratcom (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM RHC-A (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM NRMC (US) <(b)(6)>

(b)(6); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US) (b)(6);  
(b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) (b)(6)  
Subject: BMACH Media Engagement Summary

Good afternoon,

FYSA, here is the actual summary of today's interview with David Hasemyer, InsideClimate News.

Drs. (Majs.) (b)(6) and (b)(6) were interviewed about their extensive research on heat related injuries.

Have a great day!

Very respectfully,

(b)(6)  
Public Affairs Specialist  
Martin Army Community Hospital  
Fort Benning, Ga. 31905  
(b)(6) Office

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

(b)(6) **CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)**

---

**From:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 5, 2018 3:59 PM  
**To:** USARMY Ft Belvoir MEDCOM RHC-A Mailbox Stratcom  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY  
 MEDCOM RHC-A (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY (US); (b)(6)  
 (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM NRMC (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY  
 MCOE (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Subject:** BMACH Media Engagement Summary  
**Attachments:** Media contact summary090518\_2.docx

Good afternoon,

FYSA, here is the actual summary of today's interview with David Hasemyer, InsideClimate News.

Drs. (Majs.) (b)(6) and (b)(6) were interviewed about their extensive research on heat related injuries.

Have a great day!

Very respectfully,

(b)(6)  
 Public Affairs Specialist  
 Martin Army Community Hospital  
 Fort Benning, Ga. 31905  
 (b)(6) Office

# Media Engagement Summary

## Martin Army Community Hospital

Date interview conducted: 5 Sept. 2018, 1210 hours

**Reporter:** David Hasemyer: InsideClimate News.

**Interest:** Martin Army Community Hospital heat injury studies

**Summary:** Members of the BMACH Emergency Department conducted an interview with David Hasemyer of InsideClimate News, concerning their in-depth research of how to mitigate heat related injuries. The interview began at 12:10 p.m., 5 Sept. 2018, and will be conducted telephonically. BMACH PAO specialist, (b)(6) sat in on the interview.

**Specifics:** Dr. (Maj.) (b)(6) and Dr. (Maj.) (b)(6) both of whom have conducted extensive research about the effects of heat related injuries and the innovative techniques of mitigating the severe effects of these injuries were interviewed by Mr. Hasemyer.

The interview began with both doctors introducing themselves and explaining their backgrounds and how they became interested in the study of heat related injuries. Both doctors explained that they arrived in 2014 (b)(6) and 2015 (b)(6), respectively. They said after seeing a very significant number of severe heat related injuries, they were motivated to research ways of mitigating these injuries.

Mr. Hasemyer asked several questions that were somewhat out of the doctors' expertise, such as how much the Army pays to train each Soldier/Ranger at Fort Benning? And, how specifically do heat injuries effect the readiness of each unit within the Army? He also asked about the weight of ruck sacks when carried in unit marches, the speed of the marches and other unit-specific questions. I told him that the doctors were not privy to that information and the units would be the best source for those answers. However, it is worth noting that Mr. Hasemeyer did seek information that I feel straddled the line between investigative reporting and fact-finding journalism.

Dr. (b)(6) pointed out that units and cadre here at Fort Benning are trained to provide immediate care to Soldiers when it is believed that they're suffering heat related injuries.

Overall, Mr. Hasemyer did not receive any information that would place the U.S. Army in a negative light. His focus was on Fort Benning's extensive research with USARIEM and their innovative techniques of mitigating heat related injuries. The article is expected to be published on the InsideClimate website in mid-November, he said.

No negative media issues to report at this time.

Filed by (b)(6) BMACH PAO

5 Sept. 2018, 1555 hours



(b)(6) **CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)**

---

**From:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 5, 2018 11:13 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US); (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US);  
 (b)(6) CIV USARMY MCOE (US)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Subject:** BMACH Media Engagement  
**Attachments:** Media contact summary090518.docx

Good morning,

We have a media engagement set up for noon today. Please see the attachment for specific details.

Mr. David Hasemyer of InsideClimate News has requested to interview Dr. (b)(6) and Dr. (b)(6).

This is a telephonic event. I apologize for the short notice, but It was requested late yesterday.

Note: InsideClimate News is a non-profit and non-partisan news organization, focusing on environmental journalism. The publication writes that it "covers clean energy, carbon energy, nuclear energy and environmental science—plus the territory in between where law, policy and public opinion are shaped."

v/r

(b)(6)  
 Public Affairs Specialist  
 Martin Army Community Hospital  
 Fort Benning, Ga. 31905  
 (b)(6) Office



# Media contact summary

## Martin Army Community Hospital

Projected Date: 5 Sept. 2018, 1200 hours

**Subject:** David Hasemyer: InsideClimate News.

**Interest:** Martin Army Community Hospital heat injury studies

**Summary:** Members of the BMACH Emergency Department will conduct an interview with David Hasemyer of InsideClimate News, concerning their in-depth research of how to mitigate heat related injuries. The interview is set for Noon, 5 Sept. 2018, and will be conducted telephonically. BMACH PAO specialist, (b)(6) will sit in on the interview.

**Specifics:** Dr. (Maj.) (b)(6) and Dr. (Capt.) (b)(6), both of whom have conducted extensive research about the effects of heat related injuries and the innovative techniques of mitigating the severe effects of these injuries will be interviewed.

Mr. Hasemyer has contacted PAO about interviewing (b)(6) and (b)(6), but the interview was actually set up by Dr. (b)(6). PAO was informed of this on Tuesday, 4 Sept. 2018. (b)(6) asked if PAO had any issues with the interview taking place. PAO (b)(6) asked to sit-in on the open mic, telephonic interview.

InsideClimate News is a non-profit and non-partisan news organization, focusing on environmental journalism. The publication writes that it "covers clean energy, carbon energy, nuclear energy and environmental science—plus the territory in between where law, policy and public opinion are shaped."

Established in 2007, the Brooklyn, New York-based website covers environmental issues. It won the 2013 Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting for its coverage of the Kalamazoo River oil spill.

Based on previous conversations, Mr. Hasemyer appears to be a soft question interviewer, and his temperament toward the military is unknown at this time. Again, PAO will monitor the interview closely.

No media issues to report at this time.

Filed by (b)(6), BMACH PAO

5 Sept. 1018, 0950 hours

(b)(6) **CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)**

**From:** (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 4, 2018 4:57 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US); (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
**Subject:** FW: [MEDIA INTERVIEW REQUEST] Heat study/ Ft. Benning (UNCLASSIFIED)  
**Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

Heat Center interview confirmed for 1200 tomorrow, cya then!

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM USARIEM (US)  
**Sent:** Monday, August 27, 2018 9:43 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM USARIEM (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM USARIEM (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM USARIEM (US) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: [MEDIA INTERVIEW REQUEST] Heat study/ Ft. Benning (UNCLASSIFIED)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

(b)(5)

Thanks,

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM USARIEM (US)  
**Sent:** Monday, August 27, 2018 9:02 AM

To: (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM USARIEM (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV  
USARMY MEDCOM USARIEM (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH  
(US) <(b)(6)>  
Cc: (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV  
USARMY MEDCOM USARIEM (US) <(b)(6)>  
Subject: RE: [MEDIA INTERVIEW REQUEST] Heat study/ Ft. Benning (UNCLASSIFIED)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

Hello (b)(6)

(b)(5)

All the best,

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM USARIEM (US)  
Sent: Sunday, August 26, 2018 12:16 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM USARIEM (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV  
USARMY MEDCOM USARIEM (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
<(b)(6)>  
Cc: (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV  
USARMY MEDCOM USARIEM (US) <(b)(6)>  
Subject: RE: [MEDIA INTERVIEW REQUEST] Heat study/ Ft. Benning (UNCLASSIFIED)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

(b)(6)

(b)(5)

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM USARIEM (US)  
Sent: Friday, August 24, 2018 2:45 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV USARMY MEDCOM USARIEM (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV USARMY  
MEDCOM USARIEM (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US)  
<(b)(6)>  
Cc: (b)(6) MAJ USARMY MEDCOM BMACH (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CIV  
USARMY MEDCOM USARIEM (US) <(b)(6)>  
Subject: FW: [MEDIA INTERVIEW REQUEST] Heat study/ Ft. Benning (UNCLASSIFIED)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

Good afternoon everyone,

David Hasemyer, a reporter from InsideClimate News, is interested in writing a story about the heat study USARIEM is doing in collaboration with BMACH. He is available Monday or Tuesday next week, so if you are all interested, I need to confirm our availability ASAP. He and I just spoke on the phone, so I'll tell you what he wants, and I'll provide you additional info on the media source:

STORY FOCUS: Mr. Hasemyer is interested in finding out 1.) how heat affects military performance and training, 2.) what we are doing about it, and 3.) why we are doing this study.

MEDIA BACKGROUND: InsideClimate News is a Pulitzer prize-winning non-profit news organization dedicated to covering climate change, energy and the environment. They are generally trustworthy for information, and they always source to highly credible media and science outlets.

(b)(5)

Please let me know by Monday morning if you support this interview. Thanks for your help!

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

Technical Writer  
Natick, MA

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

<http://www.usariem.army.mil/>

FIND US ON FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/#!/USARIEM>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/USARIEM>

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CIV USARMY IMCOM (US)

Sent: Friday, August 24, 2018 11:19 AM

To: (b)(6) CIV (US) <(b)(6)>

Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Heat study/ Ft. Benning (UNCLASSIFIED)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

Here's another e-mail from Dave.

V/r,

(b)(6)

USAG Natick



10 General Greene Ave.  
NSSC Bldg. 1 HQ  
Natick, MA 01760  
Office: (b)(6)

www.natick.army.mil

-----Original Message-----

From: David Hasemyer [mailto:(b)(6)]  
Sent: Friday, August 24, 2018 11:12 AM  
To: (b)(6) CIV USARMY (US) <(b)(6)>  
Cc: (b)(6) CIV USARMY IMCOM (US) <(b)(6)>; (b)(6) CTR USARMY  
MEDCOM USARIEM (US) <(b)(6)>  
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Heat study/ Ft. Benning

All active links contained in this email were disabled. Please verify the identity of the sender, and confirm the authenticity of all links contained within the message prior to copying and pasting the address to a Web browser.

---

Thanks (b)(6)

(b)(6)

This interview is a critical piece in the story I'm working on and so I'd like to wrap it up Monday or Tuesday.

Thanks

On Fri, Aug 24, 2018 at 8:04 AM, (b)(6) CIV USARMY (US) <(b)(6)> < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)> > wrote:

Dave,

I am on leave this week.

(b)(6) and (b)(6) can help set things up.

(b)(6)

Sent from my iPhone



On Aug 24, 2018, at 11:00 AM, David Hasemyer <(b)(6)> < Caution-mailto:(b)(6)> > wrote:

All active links contained in this email were disabled. Please verify the identity of the sender, and confirm the authenticity of all links contained within the message prior to copying and pasting the address to a Web browser.

---

(b)(6)

Please give me a call. I need to arrange interviews with subject matter experts in connection with the heat study being conducted in partnership with the Fort Benning Heat Center.

My number is (b)(6)

Thanks,

---

Dave Hasemyer

Reporter

InsideClimate News < Caution-Caution-http://www.insideclimatenews.org/ < Caution-http://www.insideclimatenews.org/ > >

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting

--

Dave Hasemyer

Reporter

InsideClimate News < Caution-<http://www.insideclimatenews.org/> >

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED